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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No such opinion has been obtained, but people if they desire, can get this matter settled in a court of law."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if there is any surplus every year and if such surplus is deposited in any bank ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, in regard to what is mentioned in the appendix that ' grain collection also to an aggregate of 18,944 kalams has been made annually ', whether there is an account kept for it ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Minister whether Government have received any representations protesting against such diversion of funds which are not permissible even by the wildest stretch of the doctrine of *cypres* ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Not that I am aware of."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" It is said that part of the money is spent on ' payment of rice and cash allowances monthly to poor and helpless people.' May I know how much that amount comes to ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if the hon. the Minister has examined whether there is a surplus every year ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I believe there is a little surplus."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Then, Sir, may I know whether he will examine it and make arrangements to see that it is properly kept ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" There is no reason to believe that these accounts have been improperly kept."

Nomination of members to the temple committees in South Kanara.

* 172 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in nominating members to the newly constituted temple committees in South Kanara the name of Mr. Kodlamogru Sankappa Rai, a member of the late Mangalore Circle Temple Committee, was recommended to the hon. Minister by the Board of Commissioners ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that at the instance of Mr. A. B. Shetty, M.L.C., the name of the said Sankappa Rai was removed and the former's relative, one Laxminarain Naik, who was not a member of the previous committee, was nominated ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that out of the six Bunt members of the committee, as many as four are closely related to Mr. Shetty as follows and that their nominations were made at his influence :—

Relationship of the members.

(1) Mr. P. R. R. Punja—Mrs. Punja is Mr. A. B. Shetty's niece,
(2) Mr. Laxminarain Naik—Brother of Mr. Shetty's brother-in-law,
(3) Mr. Ramaiyya Shetty—Cousin of Mr. Shetty's brother-in-law,
(4) Mr. Tejappa Shetty—Nephew of the father of No. 3 supra ; and

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(*d*) whether all these nominations were made with a view to get No. 1 elected as President of the Committee so that the Committee's influence might be used at the coming Legislative Council elections?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. The Government thought that Mr. Laxminarain Naik will be a useful member in the Committee.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"May I ask, with reference to clause (*b*) of the answer, whether it is a fact that neither the Collector nor the Endowments Board suggested the name of this gentleman, Mr. Laxminarain Naik?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"The Collector it was that suggested that Mr. Laxminarain was a desirable person to be appointed."

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"May I ask whether, if that is so, he was asked about it after the nomination or before it was made?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Before the nomination."

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"May I ask whether the Endowments Board was consulted about this?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"In regard to these persons, we generally consult the Collector who is better acquainted with the locality."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Was the name suggested by the Collector or was it the Government that made the reference?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"The Government made a reference to the Collector."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—"Did this Mr. Laximinarain Naik come to the Minister with Mr. Shetty, and asked for nomination?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"No, Sir."

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"Who suggested the name of this gentleman in the first instance?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Mr. Shetty himself."

Assignment of Lands

Assignment of lands to depressed classes of Kalathi village, Harpanahalli taluk.

*173 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there have been any applications from the depressed classes for the assignment on patta of the cultivable area in S. No. 381 of Kadathi village, Harpanahalli taluk, Bellary district, and if so, how they have been disposed of; and

(*b*) whether S. No. 381 or any portion of it is included in the list of lands available for depressed classes?

A.—(*a*) So far as can be ascertained, the Government have received no such application.

(*b*) The Government have not the information.